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CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A method for annunciating performance of an investment vehicle within a plurality of investment vehicles in a market, the method comprising the steps of:
receiving a current performance indication of the investment vehicle within the plurality of investment
10 vehicles;

matching the current performance indication of the investment vehicle to a predetermined audible signature;
and

- 15 transmitting the predetermined audible signature based on results of the matching.

2. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the investment vehicle within the plurality of investment vehicles includes at least one of an equity, bond,
20 certificate of deposit, and an annuity.

3. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the current performance indication is a value of the investment vehicle.
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4. The method as recited in claim 3, wherein the value of the investment vehicle is one of an increase in value of the investment vehicle, a decrease in value of the investment vehicle and no change in value of the
30 investment vehicle.

5. The method as recited in claim 3, wherein the value

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of the investment vehicle is expressed in one of a fraction format and a decimal format.

6. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the investment vehicle within the plurality of investment vehicles is one of a publicly traded investment vehicle and a privately held investment vehicle in at least one of a major stock exchange and an over a counter stock exchange.

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7. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein receiving a current performance indication of the investment vehicle within the plurality of investment vehicles is received by at least one of a buyer of the investment vehicle and a seller of the investment vehicle.

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8. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the current performance indication of the investment vehicle includes at least one of evaluating performance of the investment vehicle and analyzing performance of the investment vehicle.

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9. The method as recited in claim 8, wherein evaluating performance of the investment vehicle includes at least one of criteria for buying the investment vehicle and criteria for selling the investment vehicle.

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10. The method as recited in claim 9, wherein criteria for buying the investment vehicle and criteria for selling the investment vehicle includes a target price of the investment vehicle.

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11. The method as recited in claim 8, wherein analyzing performance of the investment vehicle includes at least

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one of a price to earnings ratio of the investment vehicle, a dividend paid for a share of the investment vehicle and a rate of return on investment of the investment vehicle.

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12. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the predetermined audible signature is stored in a memory.

13. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein
10 transmitting the predetermined audible signature is transmitted from at least one of a cellular telephone, a personal digital assistant, a personal computer, a notebook computer and a paging device.

14. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the
15 audible signature is a musical instrument digital interface (MIDI) standard.

15. The method as recited in claim 14, wherein the MIDI
20 standard is a plurality of MIDI standards.

16. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the
audible signature changes pitch as the current
performance of the investment vehicle changes.

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17. The method as recited in claim 16, wherein the
change in pitch is a higher pitch as the current
performance increases and a lower pitch as the current
performance decreases.

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18. A data processing system comprising:
a bus system;
a communications unit connected to the bus system;

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a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the memory includes a set of instructions and a plurality of predetermined audible signatures;

an output unit connected to the bus system; and

5 a processing unit connected to the bus system, wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to receive a current performance indication of the investment vehicle within the plurality of investment vehicles from the communication unit, the
10 processing unit matches the current performance indication of the investment vehicle, and the processing unit instructs the output unit to transmit the predetermined audible signature based on results of the matching.

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19. The data processing system of claim 18, wherein the processing unit includes a plurality of processors.

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20. The data processing system of claim 18, wherein a first processing unit within the plurality of processors is located at a server machine.

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21. The data processing system of claim 18, wherein a second processing unit within the plurality of processors is located at a client machine.

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22. A data processing system for annunciating performance of an investment vehicle within a plurality of investment vehicles in a market, comprising:
receiving means for receiving a current performance indication of the investment vehicle within the plurality of investment vehicles;

matching means for matching the current performance

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indication of the investment vehicle to a predetermined audible signature; and

transmitting means for transmitting the predetermined audible signature based on results of the
5 matching.

23. The system as recited in claim 22, wherein the investment vehicle within the plurality of investment vehicles includes at least one of an equity, bond,
10 certificate of deposit, and an annuity.

24. The system as recited in claim 22, wherein the current performance indication is a value of the investment vehicle.
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25. The system as recited in claim 24, wherein the value of the investment vehicle is one of an increase in value of the investment vehicle, a decrease in value of the investment vehicle and no change in value of the
20 investment vehicle.

26. The system as recited in claim 24, wherein the value of the investment vehicle is expressed in one of a fraction format and a decimal format.
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27. The system as recited in claim 22, wherein the investment vehicle within the plurality of investment vehicles is one of a publicly traded investment vehicle and a privately held investment vehicle in at least one
30 of a major stock exchange and an over a counter stock exchange.

28. The system as recited in claim 22, wherein receiving

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a current performance indication of the investment vehicle within the plurality of investment vehicles is received by at least one of a buyer of the investment vehicle and a seller of the investment vehicle.

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29. The system as recited in claim 22, wherein the current performance indication of the investment vehicle includes at least one of evaluating performance of the investment vehicle and analyzing performance of the investment vehicle.

30. The system as recited in claim 29, wherein evaluating performance of the investment vehicle includes at least one of criteria for buying the investment vehicle and criteria for selling the investment vehicle.

31. The system as recited in claim 30, wherein criteria for buying the investment vehicle and criteria for selling the investment vehicle includes a target price of the investment vehicle.

32. The system as recited in claim 29, wherein analyzing performance of the investment vehicle includes at least one of a price to earnings ratio of the investment vehicle, a dividend paid for a share of the investment vehicle and a rate of return on investment of the investment vehicle.

33. The system as recited in claim 22, wherein the predetermined audible signature is stored in a memory.

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34. The system as recited in claim 22, wherein transmitting the predetermined audible signature is transmitted from at least one of a cellular telephone, a

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personal digital assistant, a personal computer, a notebook computer and a paging device.

35. The system as recited in claim 22, wherein the
5 audible signature is a musical instrument digital interface (MIDI) standard.

36. The system as recited in claim 35, wherein the MIDI standard is a plurality of MIDI standards.

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37. The system as recited in claim 22, wherein the audible signature changes pitch as the current performance of the investment vehicle changes.

15 38. The system as recited in claim 37, wherein the change in pitch is a higher pitch as the current performance increases and a lower pitch as the current performance decreases.

20 39. A first computer system having means for annunciating performance of an investment vehicle from the first computer to a second computer communicatively connected to the first computer over a network, comprising:

25 means for receiving, from the first computer, a current performance indication of the investment vehicle;

means for matching, by the second computer, the current performance indication of the investment vehicle to a predetermined audible signature; and

30 means for transmitting the predetermined audible signature based on results of the matching by the second computer.

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40. The computer system of claim 39, wherein the means for matching the current performance indication of the investment vehicle to a predetermined audible signature is performed by the first computer.

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41. A computer program product in a computer-readable medium for annunciating performance of an investment vehicle within a plurality of investment vehicles in a market, comprising:

10 instructions for receiving a current performance indication of the investment vehicle within the plurality of investment vehicles;

instructions for matching the current performance indication of the investment vehicle to a predetermined audible signature; and

15 instructions for transmitting the predetermined audible signature based on results of the matching.

42. The computer program product as recited in claim 41, wherein the current performance indication is a value of the investment vehicle.

43. The computer program product as recited in claim 41, wherein the current performance indication of the investment vehicle includes at least one of evaluating performance of the investment vehicle and analyzing performance of the investment vehicle.

44. The computer program product as recited in claim 43, wherein evaluating performance of the investment vehicle includes at least one of criteria for buying the investment vehicle and criteria for selling the investment vehicle.

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45. The computer program product as recited in claim 41, wherein the audible signature is a musical instrument digital interface (MIDI) standard.

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46. The computer program product as recited in claim 45, wherein the MIDI standard is a plurality of MIDI standards.

10 47. The computer program product as recited in claim 41, wherein the audible signature changes pitch as the current performance of the investment vehicle changes.

15 48. The computer program product as recited in claim 47, wherein the change in pitch is a higher pitch as the current performance increases and a lower pitch as the current performance decreases.